Subject No. 245.

Withdrawal of the rule prescribing free licenses for felling and removing timber from Coffee Estates.

Summary of discussion.—The present rules require Coffee Planters to take out free licenses for removing timber cut on their estates to other places for building purposes. This entails great delay and much inconvenience. The rule prescribing free licenses should be withdrawn.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient. The Deputy Commissioner should expedite grant of licenses.

Subject No. 246.

Abolition of the system of drawing toddy by contractors from Bagani trees in occupied lands including Hittals.

Summary of discussion.—At present, the servants of toddy contractors are alone allowed to tap and draw toddy from Bagani trees in occupied lands including Hittals. This system should be abolished and the owners themselves allowed as per mamul to make use of the toddy.

The Dewan enquired how the owners would use the toddy. The speaker said that they would draw the toddy themselves and supply their coolies.

Dewan's reply.—That will not do. The clause in the Coffee Title-deed is that the grantee can draw toddy from Bagani or other trees for the making of bread or other *bonâ fide* domestic purposes, but not otherwise, as the toddy contractor alone has the right to draw toddy for other purposes after taking the grantee's consent. 'Domestic purpose' here, does not include supply to coolies. This rule also applies to Kan-holders in the Shimoga District.

Subject No. 247.

Anikat and Channel at Karagada.

Summary of discussion.—An anikat and channel at Karagada should be soon undertaken. These would irrigate a large extent of land and be of help to Iswaravalli, Kalsapur and other villages, which now frequently suffer from drought. The project is stated to be under investigation by the Executive Engineer.

Dewan's reply.—D. P. W. to expedite.

Subject No. 248.

Abatement of nuisance on vacant building sites.

Summary of discussion.—There are several vacant building sites in the town of Belur and other places. The owners will neither themselves build nor allow others to build thereon. The sites are often receptacles for filth, overgrown with rank vegetation, resorts of snakes and are altogether a great nuisance. This should be remedied. The recent orders on the subject, only direct the levy of an assessment on a building site, if not built upon within a given time. This is not sufficient. If houses are not built within the given time, the site should be made available for others who are prepared to build.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion is worthy of consideration, but legislation is necessary. A provision will be made in the proposed Municipal Regulation.

Subject No. 249.

Gomal lands for Belur Town.

Summary of discussion.—The population of Belur is 3,560 and the number of cattle is 1,739. As per mamul based upon orders of Local Officers, the cattle of Belur were grazing in the Gomals attached to the adjoining villages of

Bentinahalli and Rayapura. These Gomal lands, however, are being given out for cultivation on darkhasts. They should be reserved for grazing purposes.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable (see Subject No. 115 *supra*).

Subject No. 250.

Vimana on Belur Temple.

Summary of discussion.—The favor of early orders for the reconstruction of the Vimana of Kesavadevaru Temple at Belur is solicited by the people.

Dewan's reply.—It is a difficult job and requires much investigation. The Chief Engineer has been instructed on the subject. A parapet wall to keep the eaves stones by weight should at least be done early and the D. P. W. will expedite it.

Subject No. 215.

Magistrate for Act XIII of 1859 in Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Amildar of Belur should be invested with powers to dispose of cases of fraudulent breaches of contract under Act XIII of 1859. At present, it is the Amildar of Manjarabad who has jurisdiction over such cases in the Belur Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done.

Subject No. 252.

Musafarkhana near Banawar Railway Station.

Summary of discussion.—A musafarkhana and a well are very necessary near the Railway Station at Banawar. Without them, travellers are put to much inconvenience, no village being situated near the Station.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 253.

1. Amaragiri Tirupati near Arsikere.
2. Musafarkhana and temple repairs.

Summary of discussion.—(A) A musafarkhana is required at Amaragiri Tirupati near Arsikere for the use of travellers who visit the temple on the Hill throughout the year, and particularly during the car festival, when they number five or six thousand. The village which had 80 houses at one time, is in ruins since the great Famine, and travellers are put to much inconvenience for want of shelter particularly during the car festival, which falls in the rainy month of Ashâda (July, August).

(B) The temple on the Hill is a sacred temple and is in need of repair.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. The need for repairs for the temple will be attended to in the Muzrai Department.

Subject No. 254.

Tirupati Temple Puduvat and other funds.

Summary of discussion.—(1). Puduvat funds of Tirupati temple and interest due thereon are very much in arrear. They should be ordered to be collected. In old cases, if interest be remitted, it may be possible to collect, at least, the principal. Puduvat funds should be exempted from the Statute of Limitation.

(2). Rupees 1,000 already under the head "Surplus" and Rs. 2,000 now available, should be invested in Government Pro-Notes.

(3). The Jodi lands at one time in the enjoyment of the temple, which have been resumed and granted for cultivation